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For: OLIGO- OR POLYNUCLEOTIDES  
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LABELED NUCLEOTIDES  
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DECLARATION OF DR. ALEXANDER A. WALDROP, III

I, Alexander A. Waldrop, III, hereby declare as follows:

1. Since 2000, I have been organizing a new company located at the Center for Environmental Enterprise (CEE), South Portland, Maine.<sup>1</sup> In my present work at CEE, I have further characterized 9-acridinecarbonylimidazole (AcriGlow™ 301) and its reactions with peroxide in various buffers and solvents. This technology can be used to develop chemiluminescent assays for a wide variety of substances, including assays for use in medical diagnostics and in the environmental field.

<sup>1</sup> CEE is a private, non-profit corporation funded by the State of Maine as a business incubator. Affiliated with Southern Maine Technical College, CEE helps new and young firms like my own to commercialize technologies in the environmental field.